The COLLECTOR

HULK LAUNCHED HIMSELF MERCILESSLY UPON THE AMPHIBIAN

Ye Olde Editorial-1968

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I must begin this editorial with the hope that you enjoy this issue. I must admit that with all the ads this ish we were forced to cram space, but I do believe that this IS the best ish yet; and I hope you think so also. I am sorry to say that there have been some changes made. The most vital one is the cost of this issue. Altho advertised last issue & in other fanzines, this ish costs 25¢. For those of you who ordered this issue for 15¢, I probably sent you a special announcement informing you that if you wanted this ish, you had to send an extra 10¢ or you would receive a refund. IF YOU ARE READING THIS AND DID NOT RECEIVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT OR DID NOT SEND AN EXTRA 10¢, PLEASE CONTACT ME!! For those who had a subscription for #'s 2-8, don't worry. Just think of it as a REAL bargain & remember to send for #9. From now on, all issues will cost 25¢ & contain 20 pages per ish. However, for the time being, ONLY single copies can be purchased. Later on, I may start new subscriptions. Until then, please order only single copies!

I know I may seem harsh this ish, but I have to get things straight. From now on, all ads for publication must be typed and/or lettered with (or without) art all in BLACK ink, as I have no extra time to re-type or re-do ads that are not ready for printing. Any ads received which are not ready for printing will be returned with your money. If you don't know the ad rates for TC, write to me for free information. Also, all ads must be the correct size! Anyone who wants to contribute may write or draw anything pertaining to comic-related material (including sci-fi, fantasy, comics to old radio shows, comics to serials).

CHANGES THIS ISSUE - - - Crime-Fighter will finish next issue 'cause of space problems this ish. Vigilante did not make his debut this ish because I have received no word from any of the staff (who was doing it) on it. It is being replaced by "The Collectors" final chapter. There is no art or crossword answers from Doug Fratz because he's been busy with his own fanzine (see ad elsewhere).Hope he'll have work in #9. ALL **FANZINES** ADVERTISED IN THE COLLECTOR ARE RECOMMENDED FOR READING PLEASURE!! Speaking of fanzines, I am doing work for some. I have a Hulk illoe on the cover of TMT #5 (see ad) & also a Spidey & a Thor pic inside! I'm sending some illoes to Greg Kishel for possible publication in Marvel Mirror #3. (#2 out now; write me for the address)Finally, Doug Fratz plans on using a Spectre illo I sent him for Comicology #2. Pick up some of these! They're all great!

The ad & contribution deadline for TC #9 is March 1st, so get that stuff in today! Take notice of everything in this ish, and, as I said before, I hope you enjoy it. Thanks for your moral & financial support, without which TC would not be here. See you in March...

--Bill

P.S. Wait till you see Batman #200! It's a doozie with repros from the Golden Age comics!
P.P.S. Spidey #59 & Jimmy Olsen #109 are great too!

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Four Verses on an Unknown Man

(Marvel's new Captain Marvel)

by Fran Shusterich

A man doomed to earth,
With an hour of air.
No care to his fate.
No care to his fare.

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With an hour of air.
His deed? A debate.
His belt? One of air.

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To survive upon earth—
A very high price.

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The future will tell.
It may come out bad.
It may come out well!!

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COLLECTOR'S ITEM - 1943 PHANTOM MOVIE POSTER

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The Fall Of The Fantastic Four?

by Ron Liberman

Editor, The Marvel Tribune

ART BY BILL G. WILSON

Since 1961, the Fantastic Four comic magazine has been considered by many as the greatest in the world. However some Marvelites seem to think that the FF are "dying" and that other mags such as the Avengers or Spider-man are now Marvel's best mags. Is this true? I believe that the FF is still MCG's best work altho, others come very close.

The FF have in Jack Kirby, probably the best, most experienced comic artist there is, and it stands to reason that as the years go by, Kirby's art improves, not becomes worse. Art wise then, surely nobody surpasses the FF!

Stan Lee is considered by every Marvelite to be the best writer in the business, and by many DC and other brand fans also. They may not admit this, but deep down inside they know that no, shall we say "Brand Echh" writer is even near his class. Many of you will disagree but that is your right. Anyhow the FF's stories are just as good now as they were 2 - 4 years ago, and better than the ones 5 - 6 years ago.

Many people think the FF is slowly losing their realism--how many super-heroines do you know of are pregnant?! In fact I'd say there is no doubt in my mind that the FF are the most true to life super-heroes except possibly, Spider-man and Daredevil.

One of my friends says that comics like the FF have the same plots over and over again. This is far from the truth! Sure they are attacked in every ish by some diabolical villain but so are all heroes. Take a story like FF #24, the title being "Infant Terrible" (taken from French), and if that isn't the most original story there is, then I'll hand in my M.M.M.S. button! This story as some of you may remember is about a child alien who comes to earth and causes trouble only because he's too young to know what he's doing! Finally his parents come for him and take him back to their home planet. How many stories have you read with this plot? I'd say one--FF#24!

I don't know about you, but I'll stick with Stan's stories and Jack's art, and Sue, Reed, Johnny, and Ben. They've been #1 for about 75 issues and I don't see anything bad for them in sight. 'Nuff Said?

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THE COLLECTORS

SCRIPT AND ART BY.... PAUL LEGRAZIE, JR.

SYNOPSIS.... BILL AND MARK, TRAVELERS FROM ANOTHER WORLD, ARE TRAPPED IN A CAVE! A DISINTEGRATOR IS AIMED AND FIRED AT THEM...

SILENCE... BUT, THEN A FIGURE STIRS... BILL'S...

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"...I RECALL CONVERSING WITH THE ALL-WISE ONE"...
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OUR WORLD WILL COLLIDE WITH A GIANT METEOR WITHIN SEVEN MOONS!
...THEN THE KING SHOULD BE WARNED!
BUT, BILL! WHAT IF THE KING WILL NOT BELIEVE US?
HE MUST, MARK! BUT WHAT I FEAR BE THAT HIS PROPHET, RUFUS, WILL NOT LET HIM!
WHAT SAY THEE, RUFUS, TO THIS TALE?
7
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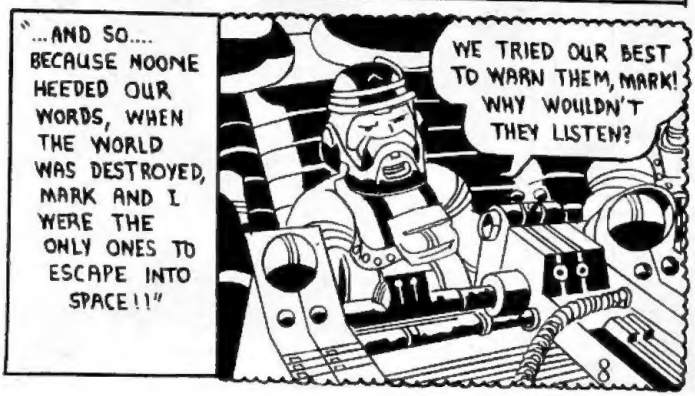
ALTHOUGH THY HOLDS BOTH WILLIAM AND MARK IN HIGH REGARD, MY KING, THIS TALE IS NOTHING MORE THAN ANOTHER IN THEIR COLLECTION OF FANTASIES THEY GATHER IN THEIR TRAVELS THROUGHOUT OUR WORLDS!
THY WORDS STING OF THE TRUTH, FAITHFUL RUFUS!
THAT IS WHY THEY BE CALLED 'THE COLLECTORS!'
...BUT, SIRE, THY PEOPLE .... !!

BRAVE WILLIAM AND MARK, I WILL LISTEN TO THY TALE NO LONGER!
THE STARS... AND MY PROPHET, HAVE FOREVER BEEN TRUE TO ME!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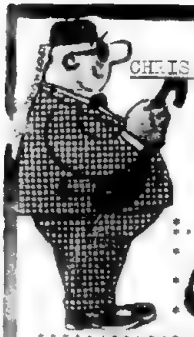

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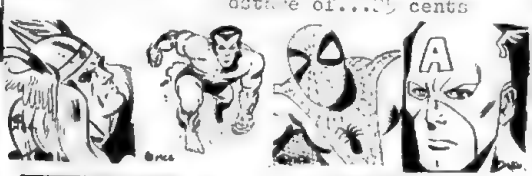

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1) Offset cover, by ye editor, Doug Fratz, featuring Ironman, Spidey, Torch, DD, Cap, and Forbush-Man!
2) Big 2 page editorial!
3) "Villains Anyone" column, this issue with Doc Doom!
4) Offset Silver Surfer pin-up by Joan Glotfelty!
5) "The Extremes", an article on the Legion, by Doug Fratz!
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The show pics Spidey in his regular swinging style. It has the Spidey epics; plus new shows featuring Doctor Von Schlick, Iceman, and others.

I hope it becomes a success because of its good points. Fans should give it there support.
((Tony will be reviewing another show next issue. Look for it.--Ed.))

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LATE NOTES AND ODDITIES

by Bill Wilson

IF YOU PICK UP THE LATEST SUPERBOY, #145, you'll find that Ma and Pa Kent undergo a startling facial change; which is PERMANENT! Rounding out this issue is a "Demand Classic" titled"Superboy meets William Tell". Read it!

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TARZAN BUFFS will notice that John Celardo has stopped illustrating the daily adventures and that Russ Manning has begun to draw them. I'm a fan of Manning's & I think the change was appropriate. (Altho John Celardo is still a very good artist in MY book)

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PHANTOM FANS! You have probably already taken notice of the full page repro of the Phantom movie poster in this ish. Well, how would you like to obtain an 8½x11 photo offset reproduction of this very same collector's item? A copy can be yours for only 35¢ IF you order before February 29, 1968. If there are any left over after this time, the price will be raised to 50¢ per copy. So, hurry! Order some extras for personal sales or trades. I have only 60 copies, and the policy for these is: FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED. Send all orders to: BILL WILSON; 1535 ONEIDA DRIVE; JEFFERSON BORO; CLAIRTON,PA. 15025

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SPECIAL AFTER-HOLIDAY REDUCTION ON TC BACK ISSUES!! Yes, friends, as a special Christmas-New Year offer, I have reduced the prices of all past issues of TC (1-7). If you missed one or all of them, NOW is the time to catch up. The special prices are as follows: TC #1 (4pgs.unreduced) 5¢/#2 (8pgs.reduced) 10¢/ #3*4 (16pgs.reduced) 20¢/ #5*6 (24pgs.reduced) 25¢/ #7 (14pgs.reduced) 10¢. Sorry, but there is no reduction on this issue. Also, if you have all the back issues, maybe you could order some extras for other purposes. Anyway, there are the new prices (only temporarily). The deadline is March 1 so all orders must be received by then. YOU MUST HAVE ORDERED THIS ISSUE BEFORE YOU CAN ORDER THE BACK ISSUES. Send to above address.

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ODDITIES: From Nicholas LaBozzetta come these tasty tidbits. 1) Superboy No. 17, 3rd story, 3rd page, 6th column, Superboy's leg is white. 2) Superboy #17, page 9, column 5, Superboy's chest emblem is yellow. Mark Dillman has these to offer.(1) In the November 12th Sunday Batman strip, Blue Max is holding a milk bottle that says "Giella Dairy" on it. Must be JOE GIELLA, DC inker.(2) In the January Detective,#371, on page 4 of the Batman story, it says "Gil's Delica tesen" on a store's front. This is on panel 5. (3) Same issue-the name "Kane" on the front of a store on page 5, panel 2. This is obviously Gil Kane on both of these "hidden signatures. (4) In the Spectre #2, page 10, panel 2, Spec's gloves are yellow. (5) Next picture, his gloves are white. (6) Same ish, page 15, panel 5, The Spectre's right glove is blue. This coloring mistake is the biggest one of all in this issue. (7) In The Phantom #27, on the page with the article "Jungle Superstitions" an illustration appears showing a voodoo witch doctor's mask. On the cover of #28, Phantom appears wearing that very same mask.

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THE ONE THE ONLY CRIME FIGHTER (ALIAS BILL BAILEY) by MARK DILLMAN FOR THE COLLECTOR
EPISODE SIX: "YOU'D BETTER FIX THAT LEAK IN YOUR BATHTUB, MISTER!"
YIPES!
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REMEMBER CF HAD BEEN LED TO 608 URRP STREET WHERE THE (SHUDDER) MAD BAKER AWAITED HIM!
SPLASH
CRASH
HALT, YOU DEVIL! DO YOU FAIL TO REALIZE ESCAPE IS IMPOSSIBLE?
THIS IS MADDENING YOU COULDN'T HAVE SUCH STRENGTH!
I HAVE POWERS KNOWN TO NOBODY!
AH, BUT I HAVE ANOTHER TRICK UP MY SLEEVE!
I JUST WISH I COULD THINK OF IT!
THIS SLUGFIST CONTINUES IN THE COLLECTOR, FANDOM'S FINEST!
DANGER
CAKE BATTER AND ACID MIXTURE
ALL MINE! HE'S NOW MY PRISONER! CRIME FIGHTER--MY PRISONER! WHOOPEE!
TASTE KNUCKLE PIE!
YOUR JAW IS SOFT AS DOUGH!
MARK

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9-17/11-7 FLASH! Steve Ditko is now working for DC! ---Bill